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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shi-You Ding et al.

Serial No.: 09/917,376

Filing Date: July 28, 2001

Title: Thermal Tolerant Avicelase from Aciodthermus celluloylyticus

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Sheridan Swope

Atty. Dkt No.: NREL 01-36

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R §§ 1.136 AND 1.17(a)(2)

Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patents and Trademark Office P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Official Action, dated January 16, 2004 for one (1) month from February 16, 2004 to March 16, 2004 to prepare a response to the Examiner's rejections. Applicant authorizes the Commissioner for Patents to charge the amount of \$110.00 for the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2) to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 14-0460.

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